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My personal choice is that we repeal it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Richard Lewis.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have been listening to this debate with a great deal of interest. We heard this bill in our Committee and there is some very definite reasons why these Committee amendments are on there as they are. First of all, there is a penalty involved or a violation involved only when it is ridden at night. I can see no reason in putting the burden of responsibility upon a dealer for all bicycles sold when, if we can believe the testimony we heard in Committee, when the most of them are ridden in the daytime and that the amount of bicycles on the streets and highways at night is of minimal amount and I think that the riders should assume some of this responsibility. I am sure that we gave this careful consideration. I heartily approve of the Committee amendment and I certainly would hope that you would not adopt Senator Warner's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I took quite a lot of heat over the bill we passed last year and I think what we should do is turn down all of the amendments and pass the bill the way it was introduced. We have been passing legislation because we think the federal government is going to do something and it always puts us in a bad light. I would hope that we would turn down both of the amendments, Senator Warner's amendment and the Committee amendment, and then pass the bill the way it was introduced. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Would Senator Luedtke yield to a question?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Yes.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: You know the question.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Well, repeat it anyway, will you?

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: What I would like to know, Senator Luedtke, is do we require brakes on bicycles?

SENATOR LUEDTKE: I thought the answer was yes but I can't find it in the statutes.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: So the answer is no.

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Until I find it, the answer is no, but I will say this. I know City ordinances cover lights, brakes, that sort of thing. I know the City of Lincoln has an ordinance covering this but I am not sure about a state law. I am not as sure as I was when I started out